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OUTPUT VALUED AT 1.5 BILLION ZLOTYS -- Zycie Warszawy, No 310, 10 Nov 49

At a recent conference of trade-union leaders of the metallurgical industry, in Katowice, it was reported that about 100,000 workers took part in pledges and that fulfillment of May Day pledges alone brought a production-increment valued at 1,500,000 zlotys.

In spite of shortcomings in planning and savings, labor productivity improved. In 1948, production per man-hour was 9.85 zlotys at 1937 prices. It rose to 10.72 zlotys in 1949 as a result of widespread labor competition. Workers of the Kosciuszko Metallurgical Plant obtained the best results in August 1949 with 22.33 zlotys at 1937 base year prices. In August 1948, 39.6 percent of all workers took part in labor competition. Now participants include 82.4 percent of the workers, and in some plants 90-97 percent of the workers are enrolled.

Several innovators' clubs were created. Nearly 500 suggestions were submitted during 1949, or twice as many as in 1948, resulting in savings of one billion zlotys.

WARSAW FACTORIES' OUTPUT UP -- Zycie Warszawy, No 305, 5 Nov 49

Most metal factories in Warsaw fulfilled the 1949 production plan in terms of both value and quantity in September and October. As compared with previous years, 1949 shows a substantial increase in volume of production and productivity of labor.

For instance, productivity of labor in the Lighting Equipment Factory A-31 increased twofold in the last 3 years and production increased fivefold. Productivity of labor at the Industrial Installation Building Enterprises in Warsaw increased 100 percent. Current production of the plant is five times that of 1947.

Labor competition covers from 80 to 90 percent of all workers and the number of innovations is steadily increasing.

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The Commission for Technical Improvements received 112 suggestions during the first 10 months of 1949. In the State Optical Factory, 71 innovations were submitted this year whereas only eight had been submitted during the previous 2 years.

Of the 29 innovations submitted in 1949 by the railroad workers of Warsaw, 22 were accepted. These were responsible for a savings of 7 million zlotys.

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